

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Liu *et al.*

Application No. 10/017,168

Filed: December 14, 2001

Confirmation No. 9437

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
DETECTING TREPONEMA PALLIDUM

Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford

Art Unit: 1645

Attorney Reference No. 6395-61666-01

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of Examiner Vanessa L. Ford, mailed March 2, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11-16, 28, 30 and 31.

The fee (\$330.00 for a large entity) required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) for filing this Notice of Appeal is enclosed.

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time as indicated on the Transmittal Letter and enclose the required fee. If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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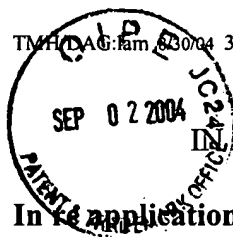
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing in the application referenced above are the following:

- ☒ Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.
- ☒ Fee (\$330.00) for filing a Notice of Appeal as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).
- ☒ A three-month extension fee (\$950.00) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3).
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1280.00 to cover the above-listed fees.

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time in order to file the attached Notice of Appeal. If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this Notice of Appeal and petition for extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Please return the enclosed postcard to confirm that the items listed above have been received.

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